A Lasting Legacy: Remembering Suryam Pagidipalli

Suryam Pagidipalli was a remarkable and multifaceted personality whose life reflected knowledge, professional dedication, creativity, cultural commitment and social responsibility. Hailing from Rajupet, Manuguru, in Bhadradri Kothagudem District of Telangana, he was the beloved younger son of Sri Sunder Rao and Smt. Marthamma. He was deeply loved by his family and respected by students, colleagues, friends and members of the wider community. Suryam passed away on 19 February 2026 at Mamatha Hospital, Khammam, following ill health. His passing brought profound sorrow to his family, friends, students, colleagues and all those who had been associated with him throughout his personal and professional journey. His mortal remains were kept at the

family residence in Rajupet, Manuguru, where relatives, friends and well-wishers gathered to pay their final respects. He was laid to rest on 20 February 2026. His life was distinguished by an unusual combination of academic achievement, professional versatility and creative expression. He built a career in education, later entered the legal profession, pursued filmmaking and multimedia, participated in cultural activities and contributed to humanitarian and social initiatives. Each chapter of his life reflected his desire to learn, contribute and remain actively connected with society.

Education and Learning

Education remained one of the central values of Suryam's life. He completed his B.Com. from Kakatiya University during 2001-2004 with First Division and subsequently completed his MBA from Kakatiya University during 2004-2006, also with First Division. His academic journey continued with further qualifications in law and commerce. He completed his LLB from Kakatiya University and pursued M.Com. from Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur. At the time of his passing, he was pursuing LLM from Acharya Nagarjuna University. His area of specialization was Financial Management. Alongside his academic qualifications, he developed practical skills in office applications, accounting systems and multimedia technologies. His professional record notes proficiency in MS Office and multimedia applications as well as accounting packages including Tally, Wings and Focus. His continued pursuit of higher education reflected a lifelong commitment to learning. Even after establishing himself professionally, he continued to expand his knowledge and qualifications.

A Dedicated Academician

Suryam began his teaching career in 2006 and devoted many years to higher education. His professional experience included teaching, academic administration and departmental leadership in several educational institutions. He began his academic career as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Business Management at SANA Engineering College, Kodada, during 2006-2007. He subsequently served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Business Management at Browns P.G. College, Khammam, from 2007 to February 2011.

He later served as Head of the Department of Business Management at Vijaya Engineering College, Khammam, from February to June 2011. From July 2011 to May 2015, he worked as an Associate Professor in the Department of Business Management at Laqshya Group of Colleges, Khammam. His academic association also extended to Sree Kavitha College of Management and Information Technology, Vijaya Engineering College, Browns College of Pharmacy, Kavitha P.G. College and Kavitha Degree College in various guest-lecturing capacities. He subsequently worked as a lecturer at Sri Vidya Degree College, Manuguru. Through his years in education, Suryam had the opportunity to guide and influence numerous young people. His academic career was not simply a professional occupation; it was an opportunity to share knowledge, encourage students and contribute to the development of future professionals.

From Education to Law

Suryam later expanded his professional journey into the field of law. His legal education and professional experience added another important dimension to his career. His background in commerce, management and financial management provided him with a strong foundation for understanding professional and financial matters, while his legal studies enabled him to enter the legal profession as an Advocate. His decision to continue studying law even after establishing himself professionally demonstrated his intellectual curiosity and commitment to continuous learning. His pursuit of an LLM at the time of his passing symbolized his determination to keep developing himself academically and professionally. He was also associated with Vishwa Humanity United International Royal Council as a Legal Adviser, contributing his legal knowledge to an organization involved in humanitarian and sustainable-development-oriented initiatives.

A Passion for Film and Creative Expression

Alongside his academic and legal careers, Suryam possessed a strong creative spirit. He developed considerable interest in filmmaking, editing, visual effects and multimedia. His technical abilities allowed him to explore creative

communication through films and documentaries. He was associated with several socially and culturally oriented creative works, including Rakta Danam, Gunde Chappudu, Child Rights Documentary, Naa Gnapakaalu, Swachh Bharat, Bangaru Papa and Bangaru Telangana. Through these creative projects, he explored subjects connected with social responsibility, child welfare, cleanliness, cultural identity and public awareness. His involvement in filmmaking demonstrated that his interests extended well beyond conventional academic and professional boundaries. He used creativity as another means of communicating ideas and engaging with society.

Cultural Commitment

Suryam was deeply interested in Telangana's cultural heritage and community life. As Vice-President of Telangana Kala Parishath, he participated in and supported various cultural and social programmes. His involvement included Telangana Dasara Samburalu in 2017, Telangana Ugadhi Puraskaralu in 2017 and Telangana Sankranti Sandadi in 2018 at Bhakta Ramadas Kalakshetram in Khammam. The Telangana Ugadhi Puraskaralu programme was particularly meaningful for recognizing and honouring underprivileged artists. Such initiatives reflected his belief that cultural talent deserves encouragement, recognition and a platform. Through his cultural activities, Suryam contributed to the preservation and celebration of Telangana's traditions while helping bring artists and communities together.

Concern for Farmers and Social Issues

Suryam's social involvement extended beyond cultural activities. He participated in the Save Farmer Campaign 2018, through which concerns relating to the farming community were presented in New Delhi before then Union Ministers Shri Suresh Prabhu and Shri R. Chowdhury. His participation reflected his willingness to engage with issues affecting ordinary people and communities. He believed that educated professionals and socially conscious citizens could contribute meaningfully to public issues beyond the boundaries of their regular professions.

Humanitarian Participation

Suryam also participated in the All for Kerala campaign during the Kerala floods of 2018. His involvement reflected a spirit of solidarity with people affected by natural disasters. His participation in an interaction involving the then Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, became another memorable part of his humanitarian journey. His association with humanitarian initiatives demonstrated his belief in compassion, cooperation and collective responsibility during times of crisis.

Social Awareness and Creative Communication

A significant feature of Suryam's creative work was its connection with social awareness. His association with projects relating to child rights, cleanliness and public responsibility demonstrated his interest in using creative communication to encourage positive social attitudes. For him, film and multimedia were not simply forms of entertainment. They could also become tools for education, awareness and social change. This combination of education and creativity was characteristic of his personality. He could approach an issue as a teacher, examine it as a professional and communicate it through creative media.

Recognition and Appreciation

Suryam's diverse contributions received recognition during his lifetime. In 2019, he was honoured as an Eminent Person of 2018 at a ceremony held at Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad, by then Government of Telangana Advisor Shri G. Vivek. The recognition reflected the breadth of his involvement in academic, cultural and social activities. His journey demonstrates that meaningful contribution to society does not always follow a single professional path. Suryam created his own path by bringing together education, law, culture, creativity and social participation.

Commitment to Peace and Humanity

During the difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic, Suryam participated in World Peace initiatives. His involvement reflected his broader belief in unity, compassion and humanitarian responsibility. At a time when communities around the world were experiencing uncertainty and hardship, initiatives promoting peace and collective responsibility carried particular significance. His participation in such activities became another expression of his commitment to values that extended beyond professional success.

A Multifaceted Personality

Suryam Pagidipalli cannot be described adequately through a single designation. He was an educator who influenced students through teaching. He was an academician who continued to pursue higher learning. He was an Advocate who entered the field of law. He was a creative person who explored filmmaking, editing and multimedia. He was a cultural activist who contributed to Telangana's artistic and cultural programmes. He was a social contributor who participated in humanitarian and public-awareness initiatives. These were not separate identities but different expressions of the same personality. His life demonstrated curiosity, adaptability and a willingness to explore new areas of knowledge and service.

A Beloved Son and Younger Brother

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Suryam was first and foremost a beloved member of his family. As the younger son of Sri Sunder Rao and Smt. Marthamma, and as a younger brother, he held a special place in the hearts of his family members. The loss of a loved one cannot be measured through professional achievements. The deepest memories are often found in ordinary moments - family conversations, shared experiences, celebrations, difficulties, laughter and companionship. For his family, Suryam's absence is therefore not simply the loss of an academician or advocate. It is the loss of a son, brother and loved one whose presence formed an important part of their lives.

His Enduring Legacy

Suryam's legacy lives through the students he taught, the colleagues with whom he worked, the legal profession he entered, the creative projects to which he contributed, the cultural programmes he supported and the social initiatives in which he participated.

His life reminds us that meaningful service can take many forms.

A teacher serves by educating.

A lawyer serves by engaging with justice.

A filmmaker serves by communicating ideas.

A cultural worker serves by preserving heritage.

A social contributor serves by standing with communities.

Suryam embraced all these dimensions during his life.

Remembering Suryam

Although his life ended unexpectedly on 19 February 2026, the values associated with him continue through the memories of those who knew him.

His students remember an educator.

His colleagues remember an academic professional.

The legal community remembers an Advocate.

The cultural community remembers a committed participant.

The creative community remembers a filmmaker and multimedia enthusiast.

His family remembers a beloved son and younger brother.

His friends remember a cherished companion.

Together, these memories form the continuing story of Suryam Pagidipalli.

Suryam's journey reminds us that the significance of a life is not determined solely by its length, but by the knowledge shared, relationships built, work accomplished and lives touched along the way. He lived with a commitment to learning. He taught others. He pursued professional growth. He explored creativity. He supported culture. He participated in humanitarian initiatives. He remained connected to the community around him. His physical presence may have departed, but the impact of his life remains in the memories of those who knew and loved him. His work, values and contributions will continue to provide a meaningful remembrance of the person he was. Suryam Pagidipalli will always be remembered with love, respect and gratitude. Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever missed.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.